the recommendation of expert committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that this has resulted in shortage of Vitamin A and closure of units producing Vitamin C;

(e) whether it is a fact that both Vitamin A and C are produced from basic stage;

(f) if so, how these drugs have been covered under price control and exempted number of imported drugs from price control; and

(g) what are the names of imported drugs out side price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FARTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Due consideration was given by the then Government on all the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee before accepting or deviating with any of them.

(c) and (f) In the case of exemption to small scale units from price control in respect of Category II formulations, the Kelkar Committee did not make any specific recommendation. It was left to the Government. Vit. 'A' and 'C' have been put under price control by the Government on account of their importance.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Manufacture of a drug from basic stage was not a criteria for exclusion from price control.

(g) Names of all the price controlled drugs are given in Schedule I and Schedule II to DPCO, 1987 as amended from time to time. All the remaining drugs, indigenous or imported, are outside price control.

Cases of Overinvoicing

3081. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1664 and 686 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August and 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) when each case of overinvoicing came to the notice of Government and when each case was referred to Ministry of Finance for investigation;

(b) what is the progress in each case;

(c) whether Government have received any report on any of the cases from Ministry of Finance;

(d) if so, what are the details and what action has been taken on each;

(e) what are the prices of drugs on which Government fixed the prices of formulations;

(f) what are the names of drugs which are being imported by companies from their principals and their associates; and

(g) what is the latest position of cases of overcharging referred therein and what action has been taken by Government on each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) A number of complaints have been received alleging overinvoicing in imports. The details of these cases were given in part (a) of the Annexure referred to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1st August, 1991. This department referred these cases to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for necessary action. Recently Ministry of Finance has intimated that there is no evidence of over-invoicing in the cases referred to them. They have also clearly stated that unless specific evidence indicating over-invoicing is available no further enquiries can be made.

(e) The prices of formulations are fixed on the basis of current notified prices of the bulk drugs.

(f) The company-wise imports of individual drugs are not being monitored by this Ministry.

(g) The cases of overcharging were given in the part (b) of the Annexure referred to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1st

August, 1991. Examination of complaints received against the drug companies on over-charging is an on-going process and all these cases are at various stages of examination.

Monitoring of production of bulk drugs

3082. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 688 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs whose production is being monitored by Government;

(b) what was the price of each of 27 drugs whose production has gone down by more than 20 per cent during the last three years on May 1987, January, 1991 and November, 1991; and

(c) what are the names out of 27 drugs on which concession exempting of custom duty has been granted during the last three years and what are the names of inputs of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The names of bulk drugs whose production is being monitored are available in the Annual Report of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals placed in the Parliament Library.

(b) To the extent information available the prices of price controlled bulk drugs are given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(c) No concession/exemption of customs duty has been given for the import of these 27 bulk drugs. The number of inputs would be large as these vary for each drug depending on the technology used.

Statement

Item of manufacture	A/c Unit	May, 1987	January, 1991	November, 1991
1. Pen. G Benzothine	Kg.	1873·00	2084·00	2673·00
Pen. G Potasssium	BU	935·00	935·00	935·00
Pen. G Procaine	BU	1082·00	1127·00	1182·00
Pen. G. Sodium	BU	1108·00	1207·00	1481·00
2. Tetracycline	Kg.	971·00	1022·00	1084·00
3. Erythromycin Estolate	Kg.	1992·00	2489·00	2542·00
4. Doxycycline	Kg.	5486·00	4968·00	4968·00
5. Sulphadimidine	Kg.	215·00	278·00	438·00
6. Analgin (Metamizile)	Kg.	224·00	280·00	251·00
7. Baralgan Keytone	Kg.	1810·00	1926·00	1926·00
8. Dexamethasone	Gm.	51·30	92·50	135·33
9. INH	Kg.	209·00	252·00	304·00
10. Metronidazole	Kg.	450·00	482·00	453·00
11. Hydrochlorothiazide	Kg.	463·07	489·00	489·00
12. Xylocaine	Kg.	176·65	281·00	153·00
13. Tetramisole	Kg.	919·00	919·00	919·00
14. Phenobarbitone	Kg.	586·10	743·00	743·00
15. DEC Citrate	Kg.	177·23	284·00	347·00